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SUBJECT: LEADERSHIP MEETING: ANOTHER ACCOUNT

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1. JAPANESE EMBASSY MARCH 31 PASSED US STORY POLES CLAIM TO HAVE FROM CHINESE SOURCE (PLEASE PROTECT SOURCING). ACCORDING TO STORY, AN ENLARGED POLITBURO MEETING HELD MARCH 9-25 REACHED DECISIONS ON TENG HSIAO-PING'S COMEBACK AND OTHER LEADERSHIP QUESTIONS, BUT FORMAL ANNOUNCEMENT OF THESE DECISIONS WILL BE HELD UP PENDING APPROVAL BY A CENTRAL COMMITTEE PLENUM SCHEDULED FOR JULY.

2. TENG WILL REPORTEDLY BE BROUGHT BACK WITH HIS OLD TITLES OF VICE PREMIER, PARTY VICE CHAIRMAN AND PLA CHIEF OF STAFF. A STANDING COMMITTEE WILL BE APPOINTED CONSISTING OF FIVE MEMBERS: HUA KUO-FENG, YEH CHIEN-YING,
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TENG, LI HSIEN-NIEN, AND WANG TUNG-HSING. EIGHT NEW POLITBURO MEMBERS WILL BE NAMED IN ADDITION TO TENG: CHEN-LIN, LI CHING-CHUAN, KENG PIAO, AND TWO OTHERS WHOSE NAMES WERE NOT DISCLOSED.

3. FROM ANOTHER CHINESE SOURCE, JAPANESE HERE HAVE WHAT COULD BE CORROBORATION OF SCHEDULED JULY ANNOUNCEMENT.

SOURCE, WHO HAD MAINTAINED AS RECENTLY AS MARCH 17 THAT TENG'S REHABILITATION WOULD BE MADE KNOWN BEFORE APRIL 5, CHANGED EARLY THIS WEEK TO LINE THAT LIKELY TIMING WOULD BE MID-TO LATE SUMMER.

4. COMMENT. WHILE PROCEDURE AND TIMEFRAME STRIKE US AS REASONABLE, WE VIEW NAME LISTS THEMSELVES WITH CONSIDERABLY MORE CAUTION. NAMES ON POLITBURO LIST ARE SUSPICIOUSLY SIMILAR TO SPECULATE OF A SOVIET EMBOFF SOME TWO WEEKS AGO. IN ADDITION, STACKING THE POLITBURO WITH THE OLD GUARD IN THIS WAY WOULD UNDOUBTEDLY BE CONTROVERSIAL, AND APPEARS TO RUN COUNTER TO HUA KUO-FENG'S CONCILIATORY APPROACH. GATES

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